

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3142**

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TO:	The Honorable Joe E. Brown, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Multi-State Nurse Licensure Compact		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional costs or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional costs or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed legislation amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina by adding Article 15 to Chapter 33, Title 40 to enact the Multi-State Nurse Licensure Compact, which provides for the reciprocal practice of nursing among states party to the Compact by developing a coordinated licensure information system, adopting standards and procedures applicable to practicing nursing in other states, and establishing procedures for dispute resolution and disciplinary action. It also adds Section 40-33-525, which compels foreign-educated nurse applicants to pass the National Council Licensure Examination and an English language proficiency test in order to become a registered nurse.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (LLR) indicates that implementation of this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

LLR states that implementation of this Bill will reduce the number of nurses licensed by LLR by about 6,043, with a loss of revenue of approximately \$250,000 a year in other funds.

Approved by:



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